## MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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**MEMORANDUM** 

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

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SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES

CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN SERVICES

## **BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS**

Due to budget constraints, certain changes have been made to the Anesthesia Services policy in Chapter 600, including deleting reference to the ASA Relative Value Guide. Nevada Medicaid will no longer reimburse separately for physical status modifiers and qualifying circumstances. Changes are effective March 12, 2010.

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CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN

SERVICES SERVICES

Sec. 603.9

Added "base units"

Deleted "ASA Relative Value Guide with

some of the basic units adjusted by the"

Sec. 603.9.3

Added ". Nevada Medicaid does not reimburse separately for physical status modifiers or qualifying circumstances."

Deleted "plus the addition of a physical status modifier. Physical status modifiers distinguish among various levels of complexity of the anesthesia services

provided."

Sec. 603.9.4 Deleted "4. Some anesthesia services are provided under particularly difficult circumstances, depending on factors such as the extraordinary condition of the recipient, notable operative conditions, and/or unusual risk factors. The physician must report the qualifying circumstances

that significantly impact on the character of the anesthesia service provided."

Sec. 603.9.4.d

Sec. 603.9.4.e

Deleted "d. Status; and if appropriate"

Deleted "e. Qualifying circumstances codes."